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FSSAI Updates Standards of Dried Salted and Fishery Products

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) amended the [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Products Standards and Food Additives\) Regulations, 2011](#), to update its standards for dried/salted and dried fishery products. The GOI is currently seeking comments from interested public stakeholders regarding these draft regulations. The deadline for the public comment period is September 4, 2015.

Executive Summary:

FSSAI published a draft of the [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Products Standards and Food Additives\) Amendment Regulations, 2015](#), which updates standards for dried/salted and dried fishery products. To date, these draft regulations have not been notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO). FSSAI is accepting public comments from interested public stakeholders through September 4, 2015.

General Information:

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Comments should be formatted as per the example pasted below, should be sent to:

Chief Executive Officer
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road
New Delhi – 110002
Email: regulation@fssai.gov.in

The full text of the amendment as given in the FSSAI's notification is attached below and is also available on FSSAI's website: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 5th June, 2015

F. No. 1-10(1)/Standards/SP(Fish and Fisheries Products)/FSSAI-2013.—The following draft of certain regulations further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, which the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, with previous approval of the Central Government, proposes to make, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (i) of sub-section (2) of section 92 read with section 16 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006) is hereby published as required by the said sub-section (2), for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, and notice is hereby given that the said draft regulations shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of the period of sixty days from the date on which the copies of the Official Gazette in which this notification is published are made available to the public;

Objections or suggestions, if any, duly supported by scientific evidence may be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002;

The objections and suggestions, which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft regulation before the expiry of the period so specified, will be considered by the Food Authority.

Draft regulations

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2015.
2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, in regulation 2.6 relating to "Fish and Fish Products",
 - (a) in sub-regulation 2.6.1, in clause (7) relating to salted fish/dried salted fish, the following shall be substituted, namely:—
 - "7(1) **Dried/ salted and dried fishery products** means the product prepared from fresh or wholesome fish after drying with or without addition of salt.
 - (2) The fish shall be bled, gutted, beheaded, split or filleted and washed prior to salting and drying.
 - (3) Salt used to produce salted fish shall be clean, free from foreign matter, show no visible signs of contamination with dirt, oil, bilge or other extraneous materials.
 - (4) The product shall be free from foreign matter, objectionable odour and flavour.
 - (5) The product may contain food additives permitted in Appendix A.

(6) The product shall conform to the microbiological and chemical requirement as laid down in the regulation.

(7) The products shall conform to the following requirements:

** Requirement of Histamine content is only applicable for dried/dry-salted fishery products prepared from listed fish species associated with histamine poisoning."

*Requirement of salt content is only applicable to dry salted fishery products.

YUDHVIR SINGH MALIK, Chief Executive Officer

[ADVT.-III/4/Exty./187-O/15(103)]

Sr. No. (1)	Characteristics (2)	Requirements (3)
1.	Water activity (a_w), at 25°C	Less than 0.78
2.	Salt Content (percent Sodium Chloride)*	Not less than 12 %
3.	Histamine** content, max.	200 mg/Kg
4.	Acid Insoluble Ash on dry basis	Not more than 1%

Note. - The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary vide notification number F. No. 2-15015/30/2010, dated the 1st August, 2011.

- (i) F. No. P.15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI, dated 27th June, 2013.
- (ii) F. No. 5/15015/30/2012, dated 12th July, 2013.
- (iii) F. No. 4/15015/30/2011, dated the 7th June, 2013.
- (iv) F. No. P.15025/262/13-PA/FSSAI dated the 5th December, 2014
- (v) F. No. 1-83F/Sci. Pan- Noti/FSSAI-2012 dated the 17th February, 2015

Subject: Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulation, 2015 regarding standards of dried/salted and dried fishery products. [Amendment in the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulation, 2011: Regulation 2.6].

FORMAT FOR SENDING THE COMMENTS/ SUGGESTIONS

Sr. no.	Name and address of the organisation/person, contact number and e-mail.	Relevant section in the draft notification on which comments are being provided	Comments/ suggestions	Rationale	Remarks

Date:

Place:

Name and Signature